

OREGON AGRI-FACTS



RELEASED: March 7, 2002
Volume: 05-02 USPS 592-430
Internet - <http://www.oda.state.or.us/oass/oass.html>

Phone: 503-326-2131
Toll Free 1-800-338-2157
E-mail: nass-or@nass.usda.gov

Highlights

- Prices • Number of farms • Farm Labor
- Cattle on feed • Honey
- Trout • Oregon Top Ten Crops

Average prices received by farmers and ranchers

Commodity and unit	U.S. prices Feb 2001	U.S. prices Feb 15 2002 ^{1/}	Oregon		
			Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 15 2002 ^{1/}
Crops:					
Wheat, bu \$	2.83	2.85	2.72	*3.26	3.30
Barley, bu \$	2.10	2.19	1.95	*2.02	2.05
Oats, bu \$	1.28	1.95	1.29	*2.23	3/
Hay, Alfalfa baled, ton \$	92.90	99.50	97.00	118.00	110.00
Hay, All Baled, ton \$	86.90	90.40	94.00	115.00	107.00
Potatoes, cwt \$	5.26	7.51	4.80	*7.20	6.15
Onions, fr, cwt . . . \$	14.10	8.39	2/	2/	2/
Sweet corn, fr. cwt \$	35.10	28.00	2/	2/	2/
Pears, fr. ton \$	252.00	276.00	2/	2/	2/
Apples, fr. lbs \$.152	.214	2/	2/	2/
Strawberries, fr. lbs \$	1.07	1.06	2/	2/	2/
Livestock/products:					
Steers/heifers cwt \$	78.70	74.10	83.00	*79.00	79.20
Slaughter cows cwt \$	42.80	40.70	41.90	*37.50	38.50
Calves, cwt \$	109.00	104.00	96.20	*89.50	91.40
Lambs, cwt \$	80.10	—	86.10	56.00	—
Sheep, cwt \$	47.50	—	31.00	26.50	—
All milk sold to plants, cwt \$	13.00	13.30	2/	2/	2/
Fat test %	3.75	3.74	2/	2/	2/
Eggs, doz \$.682	.559	2/	2/	2/

^{1/} Preliminary.

^{2/} Monthly estimate discontinued January 2000.

^{3/} Insufficient sales to establish a price.

* Revised entire month.

Index numbers of prices received by Oregon farmers and ranchers

Commodities	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2001	Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2001	Feb 2002
All farm products	635	606	103	*100	99
All crops	592	568	105	103	101
Livestock & prod.	725	684	99	*96	94

United States price ratio

Indexes	1910-14=100		1990-92=100		
	Feb 2001	Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan 2001	Feb 2002
Prices rcvd	634	629	100	*95	99
Prices paid	1,654	1,619	124	*122	122
Ratio ^{2/}	38	39	81	*78	81

^{1/} Prices Paid, Interest, Taxes & Farm Wage Rates indexes from quarterly reports.

^{2/} Ratio of Index of Prices Received by Farmers to Index of Prices Paid. This ratio on 1910-14=100 Base is the parity ratio.

* Revised.

United States feed ratios

Feed	Feb 1999	Feb 2000	Feb 2001	Jan 2002	Feb 2002
Broiler	6.6	5.6	7.2	7.4	6.9
Hog-corn	13.5	20.2	20.0	*19.1	19.9
Milk feed	3.60	2.94	3.03	*3.00	3.05

* Revised.

These price indices are designed to track aggregate prices farmers pay and receive over time. The commodity weighting for prices received varies monthly according to what is normally marketed for a given time of year. They can be volatile month to month.

Oregon's 2001 Top Ten Crops in Value of Production

Greenhouse and nursery led all other crops in Oregon's value of production for 2001. Hay surpassed grass seed in 2001 for second place in total production value. Value of production of Christmas Trees ranked fourth for 2001 bumping out potatoes which ranked fourth last year.

Top ten crops value of production ^{1/}

2001 Ranking	Crop	Value of production	
		2000	2001
		<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
1	Greenhouse & nursery products	642,000	611,250
2	Hay, all	278,772	336,508
3	Grass seed, all	346,603	323,550
4	Christmas trees	135,210	131,113
5	Potatoes, all	146,637	122,438
6	Wheat, all	140,899	113,050
7	Pears, all	66,249	76,915
8	Onions, all	77,144	72,708
9	Grapes	26,040	36,190
10	Hazelnuts	19,847	33,600

^{1/} Estimates are from Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service and the Extension Economic Information Office, OSU.

Oregon trout value of sales up 62 percent

The 2001 total value of sales for Oregon trout was 2.2 million dollars, compared to 1.4 million in 2000. The total value of trout distributed rose by 59% to 6.5 million.

The largest increase in sales came from 12" or longer category, (increased from \$805,000 to \$1.9 million).

Oregon honey production down 21 percent

Oregon honey production was 1.9 million pounds, down 21 percent from a year ago. There was a total of 44,000 producing hives, yielding an average of 44 pounds per hive.

1989, when 181 million pounds was produced with a yield per colony of only 51.2 pounds. There were 2.51 million colonies producing honey in 2001, down 4 percent from 2000. Yield per colony averaged 74.0 pounds, down 10.1 pounds from the 84.1 pounds in 2000.

U.S. honey production for 2001 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 186 million pounds, down 16 percent from 2000. Honey production in 2001 was the lowest since

Number of colonies, production and value, 2000-2001^{1/}

State	Number of honey producing colonies		Yield per colony		Production		Average price per pound ^{2/}	
	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001	2000	2001
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>	<i>1,000 lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>Cents</i>
Oregon	48	44	51	44	2,448	1,936	66	69
California	440	425	70	65	30,800	27,625	59	67
Idaho	100	100	47	46	4,700	4,600	52	66
Washington	52	42	54	52	2,808	2,184	58	67
United States	2,620	2,513	84.1	74.0	220,339	185,926	59.7	66.9

^{1/} For producers with 5 or more colonies.

^{2/} Prices weighted by sales.

Pacific Northwest (PNW) farms and land in farms

Total number of farms in Oregon for the year 2001 is estimated at 40,000, the same as the previous year. Land in farms at 17.2 million acres is also the same as was estimated in 2000. The average size of farm calculates to 430 acres per farm. Number of farms in Washington in 2001 is estimated at 39,000, down 1,000 farms from the year 2000. Land in farms in Washington was estimated at 15.7 million acres, the same as in 2000. Idaho estimated 24,000 farms in 2001, down 500 from 2000. Land in farms in Idaho for 2001 totaled 11.9 million acres, the same as a year earlier.

The number of farms and ranches in the United States in 2001 is estimated at 2.16 million, down 0.6 percent from 2000. The decline in farms and ranches occurred primarily in agricultural operations with sales in the \$10,000 - \$99,999 economic class. This is the second largest decline in farms and ranches since 1991. Total land in farms, at 941.2 million acres, declined 0.2 percent or 1.9 million acres from last year. The average size of a farm increased 2 acres from 434 acres in 2000 to 436 acres in 2001.

Number of farms and land in farms ^{1/}, 1980 - 2001

Year	Oregon			United States		
	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size farms	Number of farms	Land in farms	Average size farms
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
1980	35.0	18,100	517	2,440	1,038,885	426
1985	37.0	18,000	486	2,293	1,012,073	441
1990	36.5	17,800	488	2,146	986,850	460
1991	37.0	17,800	481	2,117	981,736	464
1992	37.5	17,500	467	2,108	978,503	464
1993	37.5	17,500	467	2,202	968,845	440
1994	38.0	17,500	461	2,198	965,935	440
1995	38.5	17,500	455	2,196	962,515	438
1996	38.5	17,500	455	2,191	958,675	438
1997	39.0	17,500	449	2,191	956,010	436
1998	39.5	17,200	435	2,191	953,500	435
1999	40.5	17,200	425	2,192	947,440	432
2000	40.0	17,200	430	2,172	943,090	434
2001	40.0	17,200	430	2,158	941,210	436

^{1/} A farm is a place that sells or could sell \$1,000 of agricultural products during the year. 1990 - 1992 estimates are for a June 1 reference date. 1993-2001 estimates are for the entire calendar year.

U. S. Cattle on feed down 3 percent

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.6 million head on February 1, 2002. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 2001 and slightly below February 1, 2000.

Placements in feedlots during January totaled 2.17 million, 4 percent below 2001 and 2 percent below 2000. Net placements were 2.08 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 381,000, 600-699 pounds were 614,000, 700-799 pounds were 734,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 437,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.08 million, up 2 percent from both 2001 and 2000. Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during January, 14 percent above 2001 and 29 percent above 2000.

Cattle on feed: 1,000+ capacity feedlots, United States, February 1, 2000-2002

Item	Number			2002
	2000	2001	2002	2001
	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>1,000 head</i>	<i>%</i>
On feed January 1. ^{1/}	11,475	11,798	11,565	98
Placed on feed during Jan.	2,216	2,263	2,166	96
Fed cattle marketed during January.	2,048	2,042	2,083	102
Other disappearance during January. ^{2/}	69	78	89	114
On feed February 1. ^{1/}	11,574	11,941	11,559	97

^{1/} Cattle & calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

U.S. Hired workers up 7 percent, wage rates up over 3 percent from a year ago

There were 914,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches the week of January 6-12, 2002, up 7 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 731,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 183,000 workers. Migrant workers accounted for 7.6 percent of the January hired workforce compared with 9.6 percent last year.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$8.96 per hour during the January 2002 survey week, up 30 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.25 per hour, up 49 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$8.25 per hour compared with \$8.07 a year

earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate at \$8.25 was up 38 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 38.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week compared with 37.3 hours a year ago.

During the survey week, there were 48,000 hired workers in the Pacific Northwest region working an average of 34.6 hours. Wage rates for all hired workers were \$9.21 per hour compared with \$9.06 last year at this time. Field workers received \$8.18 per hour worked while livestock workers were paid \$9.64 per hour.

U.S. hired farm workers and wage rates, January 6-12, 2002 ^{1/}

Area	Number of hired workers	Expected to be employed		Number of hours worked	Wage rates for all hired workers	Wage rates by type of worker		
		150 + days or more	149-days or less			Field	Livestock	Field & livestock combined
	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>Thousand</i>	<i>hours per week</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>	<i>Dollars per hour</i>
PNW ^{2/}								
2001	43	35	8	35.7	9.06	7.96	8.81	8.13
2002	48	39	9	34.6	9.21	8.18	9.64	8.42
MTN ^{3/}								
2001	19	17	2	42.3	8.63	8.06	8.22	8.19
2002	18	16	2	34.5	8.34	8.02	7.74	7.81
CALIF								
2001	203	161	42	37.3	8.78	7.79	8.68	7.95
2002	210	158	52	42.2	9.15	8.25	9.69	8.39
U.S. ^{4/}								
2001	691	573	118	37.3	8.66	7.76	8.07	7.87
2002	731	597	134	38.6	8.96	8.25	8.25	8.25

^{1/} Excludes agricultural service workers.

^{2/} Includes Oregon and Washington.

^{3/} Includes Idaho, Montana & Wyoming.

^{4/} Excludes Alaska.

AGRI-FACTS 5-2002

OREGON AGRI-FACTS (ISSN# 0279-0874) is published semi monthly by the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service, 1220 S.W. 3rd, Room 1735, Portland, OR. 97204. Subscriptions are free to Oregon farmers, ranchers and data suppliers. Others may subscribe for an annual fee of \$12.00. Periodical Postage Rate Paid at Portland, OR. 97204 and at additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to OREGON AGRI-FACTS, Room 1735, 1220 S.W. 3rd, Portland, Oregon 97204.